

Remarks

In the Office Action mailed March 29, 2004, the Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,943,620 A (Boltz), and the Examiner rejected claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,580,908 B1 (Kroll). Further, the Examiner allowed claims 2-18.

Applicant has cancelled claim 1 and thus traverses the rejection of claim 1 as moot.

In addition, Applicant has amended claim 19 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. As recited in claim 19, the invention is a "method of facilitating operation of multiple mobile stations concurrently under a common MIN, the method comprising dynamically restricting registration of the mobile stations such that the common MIN is associated with only one registered mobile station that is arranged to respond to a MIN-based termination message." (See the specification, at page 14, lines 5-7, for support.) Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claim 19 over Kroll, because Kroll fails to teach each and every element of claim 19.

As the Examiner notes, Kroll discloses that only one registration of a given MIN-ESN pair is allowed at a time. Further, for sake of discussion, we can assume that Kroll also describes mobile stations that cannot respond to MIN-based terminations. However, claim 19 as amended states that the method involves dynamically restricting registration of mobile stations *such that the common MIN is associated with only one registered mobile station that is arranged to respond to a MIN-based termination message.*" Kroll does not teach this beneficial arrangement.

Applicant's invention as recited in claim 19 conveniently permits operation of multiple mobile stations under a common MIN by ensuring that, even if more than one of the mobile stations is arranged to respond to a MIN based termination message, only one of the mobile

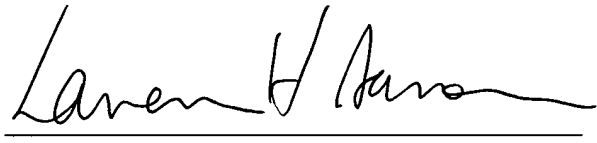
stations that is arranged to respond to a MIN based termination message will be registered under the MIN at any given time.

Because Kroll fails to teach all of the elements of claim 19, Applicant submits that claim 19 is in condition for allowance. Applicant thus requests favorable reconsideration and allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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